

Minor Treaty Action

Introduction

- 3.1 Minor treaty actions are generally technical amendments to existing treaties which do not impact significantly on the national interest.
- 3.2 Minor treaty actions are presented to the Committee with a one-page explanatory statement and are listed on the Committee's website. The Committee has the discretion to formally inquire into these treaty actions or indicate its acceptance of them without a formal inquiry and report.

2016 Amendments to Annex I of the Convention against Doping in Sport

- 3.3 The proposed minor treaty action contains the 2016 Amendment to Annex I of the *International Convention against Doping in Sport* of 19 October 2005.
- 3.4 The Convention was adopted in 2005 as a method of harmonising anti-doping rules across sports and international boundaries. The intent is to ensure that all competitors in a particular sport are covered by the same anti-doping rules.
- 3.5 Amongst other things, the Convention contains two annexes. Annex I, entitled *Prohibited List-International Standard*, identifies the substances and methods of doping which are prohibited. Annex II, entitled *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, outlines the means by which

athletes can use medicines on the Prohibited List to treat legitimate medical conditions.

- 3.6 Annex I of the Convention is reviewed annually by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to ensure the list of prohibited substances is up to date. The amended list is released to the parties to the Convention in September each year, and comes into effect on 1 January the following year.
- 3.7 Annual amendments to Annex I have routinely been treated by the Committee as minor treaty actions.
- 3.8 The Committee determined not to hold a formal inquiry into these amendments, and agreed that binding treaty action may be taken.

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